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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on
February 24, 2005, which sets forth the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The Examiner is thanked for the kind allowance of all pending claims (i.e., claims
1-4, 15-20, 27-32, 36, 39, 40, 42, 43 and 45-48.). Applicants acknowledge the
Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance.
However, Applicants point out that the reasons for allowability of the above referenced
claims are not limited to the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of
Allowance, and that additional reasons for allowability may exist, each of which may be
independently sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more pending claims.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the claimed invention.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to our deposit account number 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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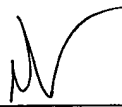
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TRANSMITTAL FOR FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated November 30, 1999, attached for
filing please find eleven (11) sheets of formal drawings.

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